

Recent Update:

Sugar physical market showed a mixed trend today in India. Sugar prices in the Delhi market traded slightly higher at Rs. 3400/qtl as compared to yesterday evening, Kolhapur market remained lower at Rs. 3250 per quintal.

The untimely rains have affected the sugarcane crop in Medak district. Overall crops like Sugarcane, Jowar, paddy, mango, tomato, papaya are grown in 1500 acres and had got damaged due to the heavy rainfalls during past few days.

Around 207 sugar mills have operated in the 2022-23 crushing season in Maharashtra, and about 73 sugar mills have paid full FRP to the sugarcane farmers. The mills owned FRP of Rs. 2,658 crore till February 2023. Out of that about 67 mills have cleared 80-90% of the cane dues, 39 mills have paid cleared dues up to 60-70% and 28 mills have paid 59% of the FRP to cane farmers. Sugar mills in the state have crushed 876 lakh tonnes of sugarcane till February end and procured cane worth 27,443 crores. The mills have so far cleared RS 25,399 crores.

Indian Sugar Mills Association estimates sugar production in India at 281.8 lakh tonne till 15th March 2023 against 284.5 lakh tonne during the corresponding date last year. About 194 sugar mills have closed their crushing operations while 336 sugar mills are still operating in the country.

Sugar Production as on 15th March 2023

S.No.	State	No. of Working Factories		Net estimated Sugar Production (without Diversion)		Estimated Sugar Diversion into ethanol		Actual Sugar Production (after Diversion)	
		2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22
1	Uttar Pradesh	108	104	90.7	87.4	11.1	9.1	79.6	78.3
2	Maharashtra	113	184	111.6	117.6	9.7	8.6	101.9	109.0
3	Karnataka	20	49	62.7	62.3	9.2	6.9	53.5	55.4
4	Others*	95	101	47.9	42.6	1.1	0.8	46.8	41.8
Total		336	438	312.9	309.9	31.1	25.4	281.8	284.5

*Others include -Tamil Nādu, Gujarat, A.P., Telangana, Bihar, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, M.P., Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand & Odisha

Source- ISMA: unit-Lakh tonne

International Market

Sugar prices in Bangladesh have maintained an upward trend at both wholesale and retail level despite a reduction in import duty. After the reduction, the overall import cost of raw and refined sugar is expected to decline by Tk 6,500 and Tk 9,000 per tonne at the import stage, respectively. But despite that, the price of sugar remained higher by Tk 130 in the wholesale market. The price increase came amid continued supply shortage and a spike in demand for Ramadan.

Weather Forecast

As per IMD latest press release, a thunderstorm with hailstorm is expected over northwest, Central and eastern India between 21st March – 25th March 2023.

Thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds & Hailstorm is expected as on:

21st March: Uttarakhand, East Uttar Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha

23rd March: Uttarakhand and West Rajasthan

24th March: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Haryana

Heavy rainfall at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya. Thunderstorms accompanied with lightning at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya, West Rajasthan, Gangetic West Bengal, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Karaikal.

Jaggery:

Jaggery arrivals in Muzaffarnagar market have been affected due to heavy rainfalls since last 2 days. Whereas, Chaku prices remained higher at 3250 per quintal.

Muzaffarnagar Stock Update Jaggery	Weekly Stock (Quintal)	
	20-Mar-23	20-Mar-22
Chaku	586386	642574
Rascut	39251	23220
Papdi	142149	89294
Khurpa	26554	21914
Total	1089893	1096663
Surplus	6770	

Ethanol:

As per ISMA, the sugar diverted for ethanol production between October to February was highest at 28.5 lakh tonne as compared with 21.9 lakh tonnes during the same period in the preceding year.

World ethanol production in 2022 is estimated to have reached 109.4 billion liters, up from 104.6 billion liters in 2021. For 2023, ethanol output is expected to recover further, reaching 111.8 billion liters. Meanwhile ethanol consumption is expected to be at 104.2 billion liters in 2022, revised lower from 104.5 billion liters. Consumption in 2023 is expected to rise to 106.9 billion liters, driven by increases in India.

International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Monday, Mar 20th, 2023									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
23-May	230320	20.5	20.69	20.42	20.48	-0.19	62,707	359,084	-6,214
23-Jul	230320	20.05	20.16	19.92	19.99	-0.16	26,336	240,731	606
23-Oct	230320	19.79	19.91	19.67	19.75	-0.12	14,217	126,427	-371
24-Mar	230320	19.78	19.92	19.67	19.77	-0.08	8,762	99,968	316
24-May	230320	18.81	18.88	18.7	18.78	-0.06	1,473	28,125	388
24-Jul	230320	18.11	18.13	18	18.07	-0.04	997	24,022	212
24-Oct	230320	17.66	17.67	17.55	17.65	-0.01	686	18,895	134
25-Mar	230320	17.54	17.58	17.45	17.56	0.02	346	13,534	101
Total Volume and Open Interest							115,769	921,152	-4,795

Source: MRCI

International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Monday, Mar 20th 2023									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar (LCE)									
23-May	230320	582.7	584.8	580	580.6	-4.5	4,704	44,230	-71
23-Aug	230320	569.6	570.9	566.3	566.9	-4.7	2,734	21,717	271
23-Oct	230320	555	556.2	552	552.9	-3.9	1284	11,809	193
23-Dec	230320	543.5	545.1	541.8	542.7	-3.1	469	7,163	58

24-Mar	230320	535.5	537.1	534.1	535	-2.8	66	3,938	17
Total Volume and Open Interest							9,287	90,210	483

Source: MRCI

DOMESTIC (SUGAR/ JAGGERY) PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			21-Mar-23	20-Mar-23	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3400	3395	5
	Delhi	S-Grade	3380	3375	5
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3520	3520	Unch
	Ramala	M-Grade	3440	3440	Unch
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3465	3465	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3460	3460	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3515	3515	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3600	3600	Unch
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3386	3386	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3375	3400	-25
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3275	3325	-50
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3250	3275	-25
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3150	3200	-50
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3461	3512	-51
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3470	3520	-50
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade (With Duty)	3900	3900	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade (With Duty)	3880	3880	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3850	3850	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3400	3400	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3730	3730	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3840	3840	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3850	3850	Unch
Sugar Prices are in INR/Quintal. (1 Quintal=100 kg)					

Jaggery (Gur) Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Jaggery(Gur)			21-Mar-23	20-Mar-23	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	NA	3250	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	NA	2000	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2888	2888	Unch
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	NA	3313	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	NA	2625	-
	Hapur	Chaurasa	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Balti	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	NA	4850	-
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	NA	3950	-
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	NA	3750	-
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	NA	3610	-
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	NA	3800	-
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3800	3600	200

International Sugar Futures ICE					(Rs/Qtl)	
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar
		20-Mar-23	13-Mar-23	18-Feb-23	20-Mar-22	20-Mar-23
Mar-23	17.74	3785	3816	3971	3215	82.50
May-23	15.47	3694	3723	3672	3199	
Jul-23	14.81	3650	3684	3583	3179	

International Sugar Futures LIFFE

(Rs/Qtl)

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		20-Mar-23	13-Mar-23	18-Feb-23	20-Mar-22	20-Mar-23
Mar-23	26.72	4790	4772	4301	3780	82.50
May-23	15.63	4677	4675	4703	4045	
Aug-23	16.15	4561	4569	4556	3927	

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